Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes. Of them 14 have already been referred to BIFR.

(iii) Professionalisation of the Board of Directors of PSUs. Instructions have been issued to the administrative Ministries/Departments to constitute the Boards of PSUs in such a manner that it includes atleast one-third of its strength from outside as Non-official Directors so that the Boards could function in a professional and decisive manner.

(iv) Govt. has also started the process of disinvestment of shares in a few PSUs without loss of control over them. This will lead to further improvement in performance of these PSUs since their performance will be evaluated by the Market also in addition to the Ministry.

(c) The Articles of Association of each PSU provides for constitution of Board of Directors. Some posts on the Board, including those of CMD/MDs become vacant from time to time for various reasons like retirement, resignation, etc. Such vacancies are, however, filled up as early as possible. As per available information, 29 posts of CMD/MDs and 52 posts of full-time Directors were vacant on 30-4-1992.

Re-Employment of Retired Officers

1304. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Government's policy to retired Government officer/employee is to be re-employed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government are considering proposals to re-employ certain officers who have retired recently or who are going to retire in the near future ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No retired Government officer/employee can be re-employed except in rare and exceptional cases in public interest where other officers are not ripe enough to take over the job or where the retiring officer is of outstanding merit.

(c) and (d) Details of individual proposals under consideration in various Ministries/Departments are not centrally available.

Private Secretaries Departmental Examination

1305. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of candidates declared qualified in the Private Secretaries' Limited Departmental Competitive Examination conducted by UPSC in the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 ;

(b) whether the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination quota remains unutilised/unfilled on the basis of the above examinations ;

(c) whether Government propose to utilise the vacancies meant for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination quota to be filled in by promotion of departmental candidates ;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that in the case of Assistants, the vacancies meant to be filled by candidates from Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (Section Officers) were filled up through promotion of departmental candidates due to non-availability of candidates from the UPSC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The number of candidates who qualified in the Limited Departmental Competitive Exa-

mination (LDCE) conducted by the UPSC in the years 1989 and 1990 for appointment in the 'Private Secretaries' or equivalent grade is mentioned below :

Service/Grade	Year	No. of qualified candidates
Grade 'A & B' (merged) of the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service (CSSS)	1989	44
	1990	35
Grade I of the Stenographers' Cadre of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Branch 'B'	1989	10
	1990	11
Grade 'B' of the Armed Forces Headquarters (AFHQ) Stenographers' Service	1989	8
	1990	1
Grade 'B' of the Railway Board Secretariat Stenographers' Service (RBSSS)	1989	2
	1990	6

The results of the 1991 examination have not been declared.

(b) The number of qualified candidates fell short of the vacancies in the quota to be filled by the LDCE to the following extent :

Service	Year	Number of vacancies	Number of qualified candidates	Shortage
CSSS	1989	146	44	102
	1990	105	35	70
IFS Stenographers' Cadre (Gr. I)	1989	10	10	—
	1990	11	11	—
AFHQ SS	1989	36	8	28
	1990	37	7	30
R.B.S.S.S.	1989	12	2	10
	1990	12	6	6

(c) and (d) There is no provision to divert unfilled vacancies in the LDCE quota to the quota to be filled by promotion on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness, as reduction in the intake of candidates through the LDCE will adversely affect the efficiency of the cadre. However, in the case of Grade 'A&B' (merged) of CSSS, where there is a substantial shortage a proposal to divert the unfilled "LDCE quota" to the "seniority quota" is under examination.

(e) In the case of promotion from the Assistants' Grade to the Section Officers' Grade, no diversion is made from the 'LDCE' quota to the 'Seniority Quota'.

Six Day Week

1306. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to have 'six day week' in future ; and